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SUBJECT: PORT VISIT TO MOMBASA OF TASK GROUP SEVEN

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1. WHILE GOVERNMENT OF KENYA HAS ALWAYS BEEN RECEPTIVE  
TO U.S. NAVY PORT VISITS  
IN MOMBASA, AN OFFICIAL  
POSTURE OF NON-ALIGNMENT WITH EITHER SUPER POWER IS MAIN-  
TAINED. KENYA'S NEIGHBORS VIEW U.S. NAVY PRESENCE  
IN INDIAN OCEAN IN HIGHLY CRITICAL MANNER. IN ORDER NOT  
TO EMBARRASS KENYAN GOVERNMENT AND POSSIBLY JEOPARDIZE  
FUTURE U.S. NAVY ACCESS TO PORT OF MOMBASA, WE HAVE ALWAYS  
MAINTAINED A QTE LOW PROFILE UNQTE ON U.S. NAVY VISITS  
AND HAVE DISCOURAGED LOCAL PRESS COVERAGE. FOR THIS  
REASON WE FEEL THAT TASK GROUP'S KIND OFFER (PARA 2-C  
REFTEL) TO ASSIST IN VARIOUS LOCAL FIX-UP PROJECTS WOULD  
BE INAPPROPRIATE. NO RPT NO PRESS INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE  
GIVEN BY ANY MEMBER OF TASK GROUP AND PRESS REQUESTS FOR  
INFORMATION SHOULD BE REFERRED TO AMERICAN EMBASSY IN  
NAIROBI.

2. INFORMAL ATHLETIC CONTESTS WITH THE KENYAN NAVY,  
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THAT HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN THE PAST, CAN BEST BE AR-

RANGED ON ARRIVAL. IN ADDITION, VARIOUS SHIPS IN THE PAST HAVE HOSTED COCKTAIL PARTIES AT HOTEL OR CLUB FOR KENYAN NAVY OFFICERS AND LOCAL OFFICIALS THAT HAVE BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU WANT EMBASSY TO MAKE SUCH ARRANGEMENTS. KENYAN NAVY GENERALLY HOSTS A PARTY FOR U.S. NAVY OFFICERS.

3. KENYAN OFFICIALS AND KENYAN NAVY PERSONNEL CAN BE INVITED TO VISIT SHIPS, BUT VISITS BY GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD NOT BE PLANNED.

4. THE EMBASSY IS VERY PLEASED TO ACCEPT THE OFFER OF UTILIZING THE SHIPS STORES ON FEB. 6 AND 7 AND REQUESTS THAT THEY BE OPEN FROM 11:00 TO 16:00 ON BOTH DAYS. THE PORT LIAISON OFFICER WILL PROVIDE THE CONCERNED SHIPS WITH A LIST OF AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUALS. EMBASSY PERSONNEL WOULD LIKE TO MAKE PURCHASES BY PERSONAL CHECK IF POSSIBLE.

5. MEETINGS WITH LOCAL DIGNITARIES AND MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON DRESS, CONDUCT, AND OTHER MATTERS PERTINENT TO SHORE LEAVE IN KENYA WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE MESSAGE.  
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